

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT DPR'S SCHOOL IPM PROGRAM**

[Questions only]

### **DEFINITIONS**

**Integrated pest management (or IPM) has various definitions. How does the Healthy Schools Act define IPM?**

**What is a pesticide?**

**Are antimicrobial pesticides exempt from the provisions of this law? How can you tell if a product is an antimicrobial?**

### **ELEMENTS OF THE HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT**

***Notification (pesticide use and registry) and posting***

**When do schools have to begin notification and posting about pesticide use?**

**How does notification work? (Who is responsible? Is a procedure suggested?)**

**When do warning signs for pesticide applications have to be posted? What should they say?**

**How do schools establish a registry to notify parents, guardians, and staff about specific pesticide applications?**

**What kind of information will parents, guardians, and staff who are on the registry receive?**

***Pesticide use reporting and record keeping***

**Who are licensed and certified pest control operators? When do they have to begin reporting pesticide use in schools?**

**Who collects or receives pesticide use report data? How is it entered into the Pesticide Use Report database?**

**Is there software available to help schools keep pesticide use records?**

**Do licensed pest control businesses have to keep records and report all pesticide use at schools?**

**When a licensed pest control business applies a pesticide on school grounds, who is the responsible party for use reporting?**

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**What pesticide use do schools report to the county agricultural commissioners? Does the Healthy Schools Act change that?**

**Do schools have to keep records of every pesticide used and each application?**

**How do schools make records available to the public? How long do schools have to keep records?**

**Which pesticidal active ingredients are exempt from the provisions of this law?**

**INFORMATION ABOUT PESTICIDES**

**How do I get information about pesticidal products? Active ingredients? Human health impacts? Environmental fate?**

**How do I find out which non-toxic products I can use? Is there an approved-materials list?**

**ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE**

**What happens if school districts or pest control businesses do not comply with the requirements of this law?**

**Who enforces requirements for posting, annual written notification requirements, and school district pesticide use record keeping?**

**Are private schools exempt from the Healthy Schools Act?**

**Which pesticides can be legally used on school grounds? Does the label have to specify school grounds?**

**Which pesticide use sites are located on school grounds?**

**What situations on school grounds require a certified applicator or licensed pest control business?**

**When a licensed pest control business applies a pesticide on school grounds, who has legal responsibility? Is liability with the school district or the pest control business?**

**DEVELOPING AN IPM PROGRAM**

**Where do I get information about IPM policies, programs, and practices?**

**How is DPR getting information out to school staff?**

**Is there an organization or network of school IPM professionals?**

**TRAINING**

**What will the regional workshops offered by DPR cover?**

**Where can I get training materials?**